Alwaye Swarajya Pharmacy.

62. ❋ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the authorities of the Ayurveda Department have received any applications for grant-in-aid to the Ayurvedic Hospital conducted by the Alwaye Swarajya Pharmacy;

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter; and

(*c*) the stage at which the matter stands?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes; the Government have received an application.

(*b*) and (*c*). It is being considered by Government.

Panchayat in Agastisvaram Taluk.

63. ❋ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to establish a Panchayat in Agastisvaram Taluk in 1113; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the name of the *Kara* or *Karas* that lie contiguous to each other to be a village, for the purpose of the Village Panchayat Regulation, VII of 1100?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Kakamur, Kurichi, Kalkatucheri, Kakadoor, Suchindram and Asramam.

Reduction of railway fare.

64. ❋ **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why special reduced third class passenger fare has been introduced between Trivandrum and Punalur; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the advisability of introducing similar reduced fare between Trivandrum and Shencotta?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The special reduced rail fare was introduced by the Railway Administration to combat motor bus competition local to the Section.

(*b*) Yes; it would then cease to be local and tend to become a general reduction in 3rd class fares and lead to similar requests from other Sections as well. The Railway Administration does not consider it necessary to introduce any change in the existing fares from Trivandrum to Shencotta.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: With reference to part (b) of the answer, may I know why it is presumed that if the railway rates are reduced between Trivandrum and Shencotta, it would then cease to be local to the Section?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR: That is the view of the Railway Administration.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Then, may I know the view of the Travancore Government?

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